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OF BRAZIL'S ASSOCIATION WITH FIRST WORLD

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1. AFTER THE DINNER I GAVE IN SENATOR JAVIT'S HONOR ON JANUARY 7,  
MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI DREW ME ASIDE TO TALK ABOUT  
HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE SENATOR ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF  
BRAZIL'S IDENTIFYING ITSELF AS A DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

2. UEKI MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) HE WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC  
ABOUT THE SENATOR'S VIEWS AND SHARED THEM COMPLETELY. (B) HE  
WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE THIRD WORLD TRENDS IN BRAZILIAN POLICY.  
IT WOULD BE MUCH, MUCH BETTER FOR BRAZIL TO BE THE MOST  
JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD THAN THE MOST SENIOR  
MEMBER OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED CAMP. (C) HE HAD MET (VERY RECENTLY,  
HE IMPLIED) WITH SOME OF HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES WHO HAD SHARED  
HIS OPINIONS ABOUT THE WRONGNESS OF BRAZIL'S ASSOCIATION WITH  
THE THIRD WORLD. (D) HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THE USG  
WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THE IDEA OF BRAZIL'S ASSOCIATION WITH  
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THE IEA AND THE OECD. HE BELIEVED THAT A US INITIATIVE

TO PROMOTE AN INVITATION TO BRAZIL WOULD HAVE A PROFOUND POSITIVE EFFECT IN BRAZIL AND ON BRAZILIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE US. (E) IF THE USG WERE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER-- FOR EXAMPLE, IN A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT--IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO PREPARE THE GROUND WITH GENERAL GOLBERY WHO, UEKI WAS SURE, WOULD BE "RESPONSIVE." (F) UEKI OFFERED TO HELP IN ANY PRELIMINARY WORK WITH GENERAL GOLBERY.

3. COMMENT: UEKI WAS CIRCUMSPECT IN HIS REMARKS CONCERNING INTERVAL DISCUSSIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO INFER FROM THEM THAT (A) A GROUP OF CABINET MINISTERS (THE FINANCE MINISTER AND THE CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT PROBABLY AMONG THEM), ARE CONCERNED AND RESTIVE ABOUT THE RECENT MANIFESTATIONS OF "THIRD WORLDISM" IN BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY; (B) SILVEIRA IS NOT TRUSTED AS A VEHICLE FOR ANY US INTIATIVE OF THE KIND UEKI URGED; AND (C) GOLBERY IS CONSIDERED TO BE A MORE RELIABLE CONDUIT TO PRESIDENT GEISEL. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS, THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF INDICATIONS OF FRICTION BETWEEN SOME OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND SILVEIRA OVER UNILATERAL ACTIONS HE HAS TAKEN (FOR EXAMPLE, HIS PROPOSAL IN THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION; THE "RETALIATION" DECREE ON TRADE). THE VOTE ON THE ZIONISM RESOLUTION AND THE ANGOLA RECOGNITION CAN WELL HAVE ADDED ANOTHER DIMENSION TO THE DISCOMFITURE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES; THEY CERTAINLY INCREASED SENSITIVITIES IN THE MILITARY MINISTRIES. UEKI'S CIRCUMSPECTION IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME AND HIS MARKED CARE IN LABELING HIS VIEWS AS ENTIRELY PERSONAL IN HIS TALK WITH JAVITS SUGGEST THAT THE DEBATEOR DISPUTE GOING ON WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT IS SUBTERRANEAN AND THAT SILVEIRA IS STILL WELL SITUATED WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT.

4. AS ANOTHER POSSIBLE INDICATOR OF THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A DEBATE, SILVEIRA TOLD ME ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO BRIEFLY AND IN PASSING THAT AT GEISEL'S REQUEST HE WAS DOING A PAPER ON BRAZIL AND THE LDC'S. SILVEIRA COMMENTED THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND ALL THE FACTORS INVOLVED.

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